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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. OPIC. APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE (BELGRADE 5406) ON NIS AND PIROT, WHICH OPIC'S KRAMISH THINKS WILL BE HELPFUL IN ARGUING FOR EXEMPTION. (UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FIGURE FOR NIS WAS RECEIVED GARBLED, BUT WE GUESSED IT SHOULD READ 33.4. CORRECT?) IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL--EVEN IF THIS TAKES LONGER-- TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER "DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS" AVAILABLE FOR THESE AREAS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER U.S. OR FOREIGN INVESTORS IN THE TWO CITIES. "UNIQUENESS" OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AREA CAN ALSO BE USED TO BUTTRESS EXEMPTION ARGUMENT.

2. WE WERE DISTRESSED, TO SAY THE LEAST, TO SEE THAT YOU AND ZAGREB HAVE YET ANOTHER DUAL NATIONAL PROBLEM
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ON YOUR HANDS. WE RAISED HELL WITH THE PASSPORT OFFICE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE INFO FOLDER GOES TO EVERYONE BORN IN EE WHO GETS A U.S. PASSPORT. WE HAVE NOT YET RAISED THE LATEST CASE WITH THE YUGO. EMB. HERE YET, BUT WILL AT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION.

3. YOUR QUERY ABOUT THE FBI INQUIRESIN NEW YORK HAS

NOT DIED, DESPITE OUR LACK OF OPEN RESPONSE. THE PROBLEM, IN BRIEF, IS THAT THE FBI DOES NOT WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EVENT TOOK PLACE, SINCE IT WAS CONSIDERED ROUTINE. WE'RE TRYING TO WORK OUT LANGUAGE WITH THEM, AND YOU WILL GET A RESPONSE WHEN THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVED.

4. E/C WORKING GROUPS. WE LEARNED AFTER THE FACT THAT BELOVSKI CALLED ON FRANK WEIL YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE E/C WORKING GROUPS. HE INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED IN BELGRADE, OFFERING ONLY AN ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVE FOR THE GROUPS. (EXACT LANGUAGE WILL BE SENT TO DAVID BY HUMBERT.) BELOVSKI SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE ON WHO WILL REPRESENT THE GOY IN THE BELGRADE WORKING GROUP. WEIL AND BELOVSKI AGREED TO HOLD A "KICK-OFF MEETING" OF THEIR WORKING GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 8, AND WEIL PLANS TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. (BELOVSKI ASKED THAT WALKER OF THE USYEC BE INCLUDED, AND WEIL AGREED.) IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT SUBJECTS WEIL AND BELOVSKI HAVE IN MIND FOR THIS SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING, AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH HUMBERT AND KULISIC'S REPLACEMENT TO COME UP WITH AN AGENDA. WE WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE, BEYOND THOSE ALREADY DISCUSSED. (THIS MEETING COMES
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ONE WEEK BEFORE WEIL'S DEPARTURE FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND SHOULD AT LEAST SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PRIMING HIM WELL FOR THAT VISIT.) CHRISTOPHER

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